THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(d) Government has not laid down any policy in this regard. Participation in such celebrations etc., where a number of people are expected to gather is motivated by publicity and sales promotion considerations, which are for individual undertakings to assess and decide upon.

1478. [*Transferred to the 13th March,* 1986.]

Pending Cases in Courts

1479. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases, Sate-wise, which are pending in courts for more than 15 years and 20 years;

(b) what has been the growth rate of arrears of cases pending in each High Court during the last three years; and

(c) what immediate steps are proposed to be taken to prevent the Judicial System of the country from collapsing under the weight of arrears of cases pending in all the courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Information as furnished by the Registries of the Supreme Court and High Courts is given in attached Statement-I. [*See* Appendix XXXVII, Annexure No. 20-A] Reform in judicial administration is a continuous process and the Government is constantly reviewing the matter. Steps taken to reduce pendency are given in attached Statement-II. [*See* Appendix CXXXVII, Annexure No. 20-B]

Board for Financial and Industrial Sickness

1480. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sick units in the country at present;

(b) whether there is a proposal to bring forward a suitable legislation for setting up a Board for considering financial and industrial sickness of these units; and

(c) if so, by when the legislation is proposed to be introduced in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks are collected by Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. According to the latest data available from the Reserve Bank of India, as on 31-12-1984 there were 93,282 sick units in the country.

(b) and (c) The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, which envisages *inter-alia,* the setting up a quasi-judicial body to be known as the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, has already been enacted.

Pending Cases in Courts

1481. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Hormone preparations being manufactured by German Remedies, Biddle Wawyer, Infar, Nicholas, Wyeth, Searle, Merck Geoflery Manners and Ethnor alongwith composition of each;

(b) whether it is a fact that these companies are licenced to produce these formulations based on the production of bulk drugs from basic stages;

(c) if so, the names of Bulk drugs being produced by each company alongwith the stage of manufacture and production during the last three years, yearwise; and